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### RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication responds to the Office Action mailed on September 13, 2005, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on December 13, 2005. It is respectfully submitted that this reply is timely filed within the three-month shortened statutory period. However, if any extension period is required for this paper to be timely filed, Applicants hereby request an extension for such additional time period and authorize the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

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